

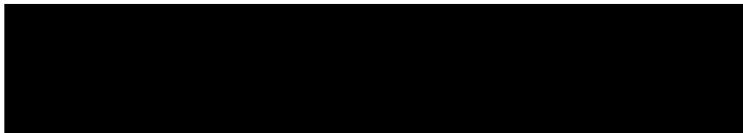
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MINUTES OF THE FIFTEENTH FDD CAREER SERVICE BOARD MEETING

23 May 1957

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submitted the following for information and/or approval of the Board:

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- a. The following are scheduled to take the Foreign Language Aptitude test on 29 May: [REDACTED] on 4 June: [REDACTED]

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- b. Foreign Language Aptitude test results: [REDACTED] Category 3; [REDACTED] Category 1.

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- c. The FDD Intensive Rumanian Reading Course, announced to start 20 May, has not yet been started, as [REDACTED] the only student, has not yet arrived in the Division.

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- d. The FDD Scientific Russian (Advanced) course outline was forwarded to OTR for approval on 1 May, but OTR has not yet decided whether to approve it. Pending such approval, the ISS proposes to activate it, with [REDACTED] as instructor, on 3 June, with [REDACTED] as student.

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- e. [REDACTED] who had applied for off-duty language training, (Spanish and French respectively) declined to join the scheduled classes because of their vacation plans, but both have been assured another opportunity later in the summer or fall.

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- f. [REDACTED] has applied for French 101, off-duty, starting 27 May.

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- g. The following questions arose from discussions with [REDACTED]

1. Does FDD desire a course on the make-up and propaganda analysis of newspapers?

The Board discussed and decided that in propaganda analysis there is some misunderstanding on the meaning of the term and also press of foreign countries have different techniques in their set-up from the US press and even with a city editor of a US newspaper as instructor of such a course, it would be a most general one. The Board decided to table this until we get a clearer objective of what is desired.

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2. Does FDD desire Basic Country Survey badly enough to prepare a memo, with full justification, for [REDACTED] signature, in view of OTR's policy-level opposition to Basic Country Surveys?

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BWW felt that a basic survey as well as an up-to-date, especially political, course on some of the smaller key countries would be desired. The Board decided that Mrs. [REDACTED] survey the Branches' needs.

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- h. [REDACTED], of DDP/WE asks us to accommodate five of his people in [REDACTED] Italian Grammar and Reading course. One of them is in Category 5 in Foreign Language Aptitude test; two are yet to be tested. [REDACTED] succeeded in talking him out of sending another who rated in Category 8. She suggested that his students provide their own books, as we have no extras and all of OTR's are in use.

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[REDACTED] submitted the following:

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- a. [REDACTED] will attend the IOC from 27 May-21 June 1957.

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- b. [REDACTED] attended the Regional Survey: Economic Geography of Soviet Bloc. The evaluation of his course was: "Knowledge of Facts" - Excellent; "Judgement shown in Analysis and Evaluation" - Superior.

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- c. [REDACTED]'s courses at the [REDACTED] has been approved by OTR.

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[REDACTED] proposed a plant trip for [REDACTED] to the [REDACTED]. It is recommended as a three-day trip so he will have sufficient time to absorb the operations and understand the works and equipment. The Board was in favor of such a trip if arrangements can be made for the 3 days.

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[REDACTED] inquired about a Russian Conversation course which would meet less than 5 hours a week and not a daily course. [REDACTED] said a course could be started if at least 6 people enrolled.

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[REDACTED] announced that FDD has two familiarization tours for the next six months; we have one scheduled for Indonesia and one for Belgrade, Yugoslavia. Due to the political situations in these countries, if either has to be canceled, one will be planned for India.

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The following Career Preference Outlines have been reviewed:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] inquired about the procedure to have a folder transferred to another office. The Chairman pointed out these three possibilities:

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1. When the individual wants a reassignment (he writes a memo to Head, OO Career Service stating reason and waht type of position wanted, following the CIA Regulation)
2. Action in connection with a Career Preference Outline
3. If another office calls up and wants a certain person, or an application in connection with a Vacancy Notice.

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The Board decided [REDACTED] was an individual Branch case and the Branch Chief could act for the Career Service Board.

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[REDACTED] announced that [REDACTED] has been accepted for the position for which he was nominated in OCI.

ORR has a vacancy notice for a GS-13 I.O. Services Division, Trade Branch, for which two FDD people have been nominated: [REDACTED] J

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[REDACTED] announced that one person from FDD has been nominated to the CIA Panel of Examiners for the OO Career Service.

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Action is in process for [REDACTED]. If action is approved, he will be the first FDD person for a PPO position.

The Chairman asked all Branch Chiefs to name the GS-12's only, into 3 groups - numbering the first group from 1-10 for Competitive Promotions.

Since next Thursday is Memorial Day, the FDD Career Service Board will meet on Wednesday afternoon at 1430.

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[REDACTED]
Secretary

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